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### American "Reds" A Menace To Peace

If Russia Fails to Repudiate Browder and His Followers, Relations Between U. S. and Soviets May Deteriorate

(From Labor)

Every sensible American wishes the United States to preserve friendly relations with Russia. Of course, here and there we find someone who says, "War with the Soviets is inevitable," but those who take that view represent a small minority.

As a whole, our people are agreed force, rather than the ballot, in bringing about social and political changes in this country.

Of course, such tactics cannot be tolerated by the American or any other government.

If a similar move were launched in Russia, the leaders would be quietly stood up against a well and "liquidated."

We are not suggesting anything like that for Earl Browder and his associates. Standing by themselves, they really don't amount to much. They are great talkers, but wretched fighters.

Nevertheless, they are capable of doing great damage to relations between this country and the Soviets, for it will be difficult to convince Americans that these "crackpots" are not receiving their instructions and their money from Russia.

As a consequence, every time they "sound off," a good many Americans will exclaim: "There's Russia threatening the destruction of American democracy."

In the circumstances, what should be done? It is now easy to answer that question. Russia must repudiate this band of trouble makers. That would be the simple way. Nothing Moscow could do would have a more favorable effect on American public sentiment.

If something like that is not done and Browder and his motley crew continue to run at large, there is grave danger that the relations between the United States and Russia will steadily deteriorate. That would be a bad thing for both countries and for the world.

Each country has ample territory. Between them, they control, the choicest portions of the earth. They need not worry about the riches of colonial exploitation. Riches almost beyond human computation are right at home.

It's an ideal situation, except for one thing. The existence in this country of the Communist party, which, if we can accept its crytic declarations at face value, is plotting to overthrow by force our democratic institutions.

Some of these "Reds" are Americans; some are foreign-born. All follow what is called "the party line." That "line" seems to change almost as rapidly as the seasons.

Last year these American "Reds" were shouting their support of President Roosevelt and bitterly denouncing anyone who dared to take issue with him on international questions. Then they were "collaborating with Capitalism."

Now the "line" has changed. A Frenchman, Jacques Duclos, writes an article for a French newspaper, denouncing the attitude of American Communists. Instantly the chiefs of the party are called together in New York and it is agreed that "collaboration with capitalism" must cease and that the party's "revolutionary" policy must be reaffirmed.

If this change means anything, it means that American Communists are definitely committed to the use of

### LEGIONNAIRES OF LABOR THANK WALT WINCHELL

The following appeared in Walter Winchell's syndicated column last week

"Add Love-Letters: The National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires (Chicago), which represents 127 trade union posts (of the American Legion), sent us a resolution 'Commending Walter Winchell for his articles and exposes of Gerald L. K. Smith . . . and similar persons and groups.' . . . The resolution also reveals that the Legionnaires will urge the Americanism committee of the American Legion to do a similar 'expose . . . Mucho thankxxxxx.'"

Frequent Dilemma  
Wifie (indignantly)—I want an explanation and I want the truth!  
Hubby—Which do you want first?

### SHORT 'O HELP

Mr. W. M. Witter, editor and publisher of the Charlotte Labor Journal for these past fifteen years, has finally agreed to take a much needed vacation. He has spent the last couple of weeks in the mountains and from all reports intends to return shortly feeling and looking like a new man. We miss his capable direction and homey philosophy and look forward to his early return. And just to show you that even a Labor Paper can have labor problems, Edwin Witter, who has so capably taken over his Dad's duties, is, at the present writing, confined to the Charlotte Memorial Hospital suffering with a return of that tropical fever he picked up while serving with the Armed Forces in New Guinea. We're hoping too, that by the time our next issue goes to press that Edwin will be out of "sick bay."

"If we stamp, and scream and hate, then even when Hitler does not win, Hitlerism will have won."—Selected.

### "FIGHT - WORK - SAVE" OUT OF EVERY PAY ENVELOPE BUY WAR BONDS



THE A. F. OF L. STANDS WITH AND FOR THE FLAG

### AMERICA INCORPORATED

By Ruth Taylor

What is America? On this Fourth of July, 1945, are we sure we know just what America is? We are America. America is all of us—incorporated, for our government is a people's government, made for the people and answerable to the people.

It was Carlyle who said: "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." America is the sum total of the lives and ideals of millions of seekers after freedom—not of freedom for themselves alone, but of freedom for all men. They realized the truth that no man is free unless all men are free. That all men are created equal is not just a high sounding phrase. It is the keynote in the Bill of Rights that has made America the greatest nation on earth.

The best prophet of the future is the past. What we will do and where we will go is determined by our past and by the ideals that shaped both past and present. Our national expansion has not been the result of blood conquest or plundering. We bought Alaska from Russia, Louisiana from France. The constant goal of the American people has been the attainment of a society marked by the individual liberty granted to all men, regardless of race, creed or economic status.

Dean Acheson, our Assistant Secretary of State, said over the radio recently: "We are individualists. For that reason we love freedom—freedom to be ourselves. We don't think brutality is a sign of greatness. We want a world that is free from bullies going around and beating people up and taking things away from them, or making them do what they don't want to do."

Today all of us have a stake in our foreign policies. Tolerance and fairness, sound judgment and understanding are just as essential in us as they are in our diplomats and statesmen, because they are but the reflection of ourselves. They represent us, the people.

As Americans—we hold as our basic thesis that the good of the majority is the good of all, that all men are entitled to equal treatment and to equal responsibility. As Americans, we value duty above privilege, truth above petty phrases; wisdom above cleverness; tolerance above prejudice.

Democracy is conduct, and its only stable foundation is character. What America is, is determined by what its citizens—you and I and the man next door—are. We are America.

### RED KINLEY WRITES AGAIN

The Editor was in receipt of this letter written June 19 from Paris, France by a boy who was employed by the Journal before entering the service of his country.

Hello, Mr. Witter: How's things going around the Printing Office? Fine, I hope. Sure would love to be there. It would be a nice trip to Charlotte, just to get to walk in the office and talk to you and Mrs. Witter. Boy, I sure miss her a lot and would give anything to see her, for she has been a friend to all the service boys in way of helping them. Did Robert drop around to see her when he was home? Jessie is still in the Pacific. Junior is in the Third Army. As for myself, I am in the Hospital getting along fine. Just a few days ago the Army sent me from Regensburg Germany to Paris by Plane, and it was swell flying over Germany after walking, running and some hard fighting going through Germany.

I was with the First Army up until I was put in the Hospital, May 10th, and now I guess they will send me to the South Pacific when I get well again. I volunteered from the Eighth Air Force to the First Army, because I didn't think I was doing my share along with eleven others. There aren't but two of us left now. A buddy of mine from Brooklyn, N. Y. I guess we are pretty lucky to be here alive, but we made it, thank God.

Well, Mr. Witter, tell all my old friends around the News and Carolina Linotype Co. hello for me. For this time I must close, with love and luck, Your Pal, Red the Rifle Man.

Johnny—Dad, that problem you helped me with last night was all wrong.

### AFL ELECTION VICTORIES

The following are some of the more important victories won by the American Federation of Labor in NLRB elections to determine bargaining rights.

The following is based on official NLRB reports:  
AFL Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers won the election at the Nivison-Weiskopf Co., Reading, O. The margin was 4 to 1.

By a 6 to 1 margin, the AFL Meat Cutters and Butchers won the election at the J. H. Heinz Co., Medina, N. Y., 480 out of 560 voting for this union.

AFL Machinists received all votes cast at the Adel Precision Products Corp., Burbank, Cal.

AFL Electrical Workers received 825 out of 983 votes to win bargaining rights at the Cornell-Dubilier Electric Corp., Worcester, Mass.

AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers received 99 out of 102 votes to win the election at the Rockport Redwood Co., Rockport, Cal.

AFL Carpenters and Joiners received 125 out of 129 votes to win an overwhelming victory at the Little Rock Furniture Co., Little Rock, Ark.

AFL Bookbinders received all votes at the Darby Printing Co., Atlanta, Ga.

AFL Patternmakers received all votes at the National Automatic Tool Co., Richmond, Ind.

At the same plant, the AFL Machinists received 247 out of a possible 354 valid votes to win easily.

Johnny—Oh, that's all right. None of the other fathers got it right either.

### LABOR UNIONS MAY NOT BE SUED UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW—SUPREME COURT RENDERS THIS DECISION

WASHINGTON.—The Supreme court decided last week that a labor union may not be sued under the anti-trust laws. Justice Black delivered the court's 5-4 opinion. Justice Roberts wrote a dissent joined by Chief Justice Stone and Justices Frankfurter and Jackson. The latter also wrote a dissent joined by Stone and Frankfurter.

Hunter's Motor Freight and Food products transport, Philadelphia, complained to the court that after a union official was killed during a truckers' strike, the organization "actuated by resentment and hatred and out of motives of revenge, conspired to destroy" the firm's business.

Edward A. Hunt, a partner in the firm, was tried in the killing and was acquitted. The concern said the union, Brotherhood of Transportation Workers, Local 107 (AFL), afterward refused to negotiate with Hunt and will not admit Hunt employees to the union. It added that only in exceptional cases is it possible for a non-union trucker to handle goods at a Philadelphia warehouse.

The concern sued the union for treble damages and asked an injunction. The U. S. District court dismissed the complaint and was upheld by the third Federal circuit court. Hunt then appealed to the Supreme court.

### SO SAID THE POOR PACKER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—One answer to why you can't buy meat was supplied by Rep. Harness R., Ind.).

Harness inserted in the house record documentary evidence that OPA ceilings make it more profitable for honest packers to pull out of the meat business than to stay in it.

An affidavit from a Kokomo, Ind., packer, submitted by the congressman, showed that the packer had to pay an out-of-pocket loss of \$2.70 for the "privilege" of buying, processing, and selling a heifer under OPA ceilings. Even the federal subsidy of \$12.48 didn't pull him out of the red.

Buy For \$96, Sell for \$93

The concern, Standard Packing company, paid out \$96 for the 640 pound heifer, which was actually below the OPA ceiling. After processing it and selling every scrap, from tongue to tail, including bones, hide, and tallow, the total return was only \$93.30. Net loss, not counting cost of labor, overhead, or any return on investment: \$2.70.

TRANSACTION FIGURED  
Here is the packer's own account of the transaction:  
Cost of one roan heifer—640 lbs. at 15c. . . . . \$96.00

RETURNS  
Sale of dressed beef—354 lbs. at 20c . . . . . \$70.80  
1 tongue—1½ lbs. at 24c . . . . . '36  
1 liver—7 lbs. at 25c . . . . . 1.75  
1 heart—2½ lbs. at 15c . . . . . .38  
1 ox tail . . . . . .08  
Headmeat—6 lbs. at 9c . . . . . .54  
Subsidy—640 lbs. at \$1.95 . . . . . 12.48  
1 hide—49 lbs. at 12¼c . . . . . 6.00  
Bones—45 lbs. at 1½c . . . . . .68  
Tallow—15 lbs. at 4¼c . . . . . .23

TOTAL RETURN . . . . . \$93.30  
NET LOSS . . . . . \$ 2.70

The affidavit, dated March 30, was certified by Mayor Charles V. Orr of Kokomo and A. H. Schwartz, Kokomo

### A. F. L. WILL NOT SET WITH C. I. O. TO SIGN CHARTER FOR INDUS. PEACE

NEW YORK.—The American Federation of Labor will not sit with the Congress of Industrial Organizations to sign the labor-management post-war charter of industrial peace—formulated by Eric Johnson, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

CIO officials will howl that the AFL is trying to crawl out. But AFL officials say it's policy is, and always has been to refuse to directly cooperate with CIO on anything except that which concerns prosecution of the war.

And that, say corporate executives, is the opening gun of the postwar war between CIO and AFL, and which will delay industrial reconversion many months.—Louis M. Schneider in Trade Winds, Charlotte Observer.

### THE LITTLE BLACK SHEEP

By Paul Laurence Dunbar  
Po' lil' brack sheep dat strayed away,  
Done los' in de win' and' de rain—  
An' de Shepherd He say, "O hirelin,  
Go fin' my sheep agin."

An' de hirelin' say, "O, Shepherd,  
Dat sheep am brack an' bad."  
But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil' brack sheep  
Wuz de onliest lamb He had.

An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness  
Where de night wuz col' an' bleak,  
An' dat lil' brack sheep, He fin' it,  
An' lay it agin' His cheek.  
An' de hirelin' frown; "O, Shepherd,  
Don't bring dat sheep to me!"  
But de Shepherd He smile, an' He hol' it close.

business man. Harness said he is turning the data over to the special house committee investigating food shortages.

### THE MARCH OF LABOR



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